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SPACE SHUTTLE ORBITER PROCUREMENT CONTRACT SIGNED

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has signed a contract with Rockwell International Corp., Space Systems Group, Downey, Calif., for the manufacture of two Space Shuttle orbiters (OV-103 and OV-104), conversion of a ground-test orbiter (OV-099), and modification of the first flight orbiter (OV-102).

Completion of the work will provide NASA with four orbiters for Space Shuttle operations.

Under terms of the \$1.9 billion cost-plus-award fee contract, Rockwell will perform the work at its Downey and Palmdale, Calif., facilities and at the NASA Kennedy Space Center, Fla. The NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas, will administer the contract.

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Contained in the contract is the clause "Certification-Wage and Price Standards (1979 Jan)." This clause means that Rockwell will adhere to the wage and price standards promulgated by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy in conformance with the President's anti-inflation policies.

The Space Shuttle is the major element in the nation's new Space Transportation System which becomes fully operational in 1981.

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